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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AS, US, MARR, MNUC

SUBJECT: NPW PORT ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA

REF: STATE 231196 (DTG PR 172356Z SEPT 76)

1. PER REFTTEL, EMBOFF MADE PITCH TO DFA FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRERNANDEZ. AT GOA REQUEST, POL COUNSELOR AND DATT FURTHER DISCUSSED PROPOSED VISIT AND ATTEMPTED TO DISCOURAGE AUSTRALIAN INITIATION FORMAL REQUEST FOR WILSON VISIT.

2. DFA AND ADOD REPS ACCEPT FACT THAT US CANNOT PROVIDE TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR PROPULSION PLANTS. HOWEVER, THESE OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT WILSON DOES NOT INTEND TO SEEK VERIFICATION OF DATA USED IN THE DOCUMENT QTE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS OF VISITS OF NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS TO AUSTRALIA END QTE DURING PROPOSED VISIT. WILSON INTENDS TO SEEK QTE TO DEVELOP A PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPULSION PLANTS IN NPW'S WHICH WOULD NEGATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR AUSTRALIA TO MAKE BROAD, NECESSARILY CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS, REGARDING THE OPERATION AND

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SAFETY CRITERIA OF THESE PLANTS. END QTE IN ESSENCE,

WILSON WISHES TO DEVELOP AN AGREED PROCEDURE WHEREBY US OFFICIALS, USING US DATA, WOULD EXAMINE PORT/HARBOR CATEGORIES USING AUSTRALIAN EQUATIONS. THIS ANALYSIS WOULD BE USED AS BASIS FOR FUTURE US PORT/HARBOR VISIT REQUESTS AND GOA WOULD ACCEPT SUCH REQUESTS IN GOOD FAITH.

3. GOA OFFICIALS HAVE WORKED HARD TO GET BETTER BERTHS FOR US NPW'S. WILSON VISIT IS DESIGNED TO FURTHER FACILITATE THESE VISITS AND COULD BE PRODUCTIVE IN EMBASSY VIEW. MOREOVER, REFUSAL VISIT WOULD GREATLY OFFEND AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF DR. WILSON'S VISIT AND HIS MEETING WITH US OFFICIALS.

4. REQUEST REPLY ASAP AS DR. WILSON HOPES TO COME TO WASHINGTON FROM RIO ON SEPT. 30. HARGROVE

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